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TO: Chief, SCI
FROM: Lt. Michaelis
SUBJECT: OSTRICH Situation Report

OSTRICH has spent the last several days at the Cafe de la Paix hoping to recognize some German soldiers in American uniforms, but without success.

He spent one day with JIGGER working on his cover story; JIGGER was introduced to him as a member of our detachment. JIGGER was most favorably impressed with him and was able to suggest a few points where he might expect to be asked questions. These points will be taken care of before he leaves.

Several other meetings are planned between these two men.

In the meantime we are building up his network; this will help him convince his chiefs in Germany that he has an organization to come back to. ALIX was released today on this officer's responsibility, and has returned to his home where it is hoped that other agents who may come through the lines may contact him. His address was known through Rene NEY, his brother-in-law, and was used by MOREAU, Mme. NEY, and the three girls. He knows the personal number of this detachment and will let us know immediately if contacted.

We also released ZELLER and are housing him at OSTRICH's apartment where both conferred during the day. OSTRICH was anxious to get all possible details on how ZELLER had come through the lines. The atmosphere was most interesting since ZELLER was convinced that OSTRICH has been working for the American services for years. He said that he felt as though he had just come out of a dream, when he entered OSTRICH's apartment. The impression was the greater because of the fact that OSTRICH occupies a position of such importance back in Germany.

ZELLER will be taken up to La Rouillies tomorrow, December 29 by Rasenotte and OSTRICH, where they will inspect the grounds to determine where parachute operations can be made. ZELLER will stay there to receive any visitors who may turn up.

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